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### **Report of the Secretary-General concerning the credentials of the alternate representative of Slovakia on the Security Council**

Pursuant to rule 15 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General wishes to report that he has received a note verbale dated 21 December 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Slovakia to the United Nations stating that Peter Harmanovský has been appointed alternate representative of Slovakia on the Security Council.

In the opinion of the Secretary-General, that communication constitutes adequate provisional credentials.





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### Letter dated 31 December 2007 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I attach for your attention a letter dated 12 December 2007 from Judge Fausto Pocar, President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (see annex). President Pocar requests the appointment of two ad litem judges to enable the Tribunal to start conducting a new and eighth trial in February 2008 in case No. IT-03-69-PT, *Prosecutor v. Stanisic and Simatovic*.

I would be grateful if you could bring President Pocar's letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ban Ki-moon



## Annex

**Letter dated 12 December 2007 from the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia addressed to the Secretary-General**

By the present letter, I have the honour to refer to the 116th plenary meeting of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, on 24 August 2005, during which 27 ad litem judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia were elected for a term of four years. By virtue of that resolution, and pursuant to Security Council resolution 1329 (2000), I am writing to request the appointment of two ad litem judges to enable the Tribunal to start conducting a new and eighth trial in February 2008 in the case No. IT-03-69-PT, *Prosecutor v. Stanisic and Simatovic*.

The appointment of ad litem judges currently serving on other trials to serve additionally on this new trial would not be an appropriate course of action, either because these judges' respective statutory terms of three years would expire before the expected completion of this trial in February 2009 or because these judges are already serving on two trials.

I also give you advance notice that once the trial in the case No. IT-04-84-T, *Prosecutor v. Haradinaj et al.* is completed, which is scheduled for the end of February 2008, one of the two ad litem judges in that case will leave the Tribunal. The second ad litem judge in that case being also appointed as a reserve judge in one of the multi-accused trials, I would request the appointment of two new ad litem judges in order to start the following trial in the case No. IT-06-90-PT, *Prosecutor v. Gotovina et al.*

I am aware that these requests would amount to a temporary increase of the number of ad litem judges beyond 12. Should you be willing to seek authorization from the Security Council to do so, I wish to stress that the number of ad litem judges would return to 13 as soon as the trial in the case No. IT-04-82-T, *Prosecutor v. Boskovski and Tarculovski* is completed, which is scheduled for the end of June 2008. It would then return to 12, as provided under the statute, as soon as the Tribunal's first multi-accused trial is completed, which is scheduled for September 2008.

I remain at your disposal for any additional information you may require concerning this request. Thank you in advance for your action in this regard.

(Signed) Fausto Pocar



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### **Letter dated 27 December 2007 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to the attached letter dated 18 December 2007 from Madhu Raman Acharya, Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations, writing on behalf of the Government of Nepal, in which he requests an extension of the duration of the United Nations Mission in Nepal for a period of six months from the date of expiry of its current mandate (see annex).

This request follows consultations within the Seven-Party Alliance and reflects a consensus among all the parties, including the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist), which is currently outside the interim Government.

I would be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council at your earliest convenience.

(Signed) **Ban Ki-moon**



**Annex**

**Letter dated 18 December 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

Upon instruction from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Nepal has decided to request an extension of the duration of the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) for a period of six months from the date of expiry of its current mandate on 23 January 2006. This extension is requested in recognition of UNMIN's contribution and its continued relevance in assisting the ongoing peace process upon Nepal's request in the mandated areas as per Security Council resolution 1740 (2007).

I have the further honour to inform you that an agreement has been reached for holding the election to the Constituent Assembly by mid-April 2008, and the Government is firmly committed and is seriously engaging all the stakeholders with a view to implementing the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and bringing the nationally owned peace process towards its logical conclusion.

I take this opportunity to express the sincere appreciation of the Government of Nepal for your continued support to the peace process.

(Signed) Madhu Raman Acharya  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative